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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tripp DATE TYPED 02/18/05 HB 595

SHORT TITLE Socorro homeless Program SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 191, SB 344, SB 88

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act
 Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Human Services Department
 New Mexico Finance Authority

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 595 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for a homeless program in Socorro County.

Significant Issues

The Human Services Department reports:

This bill is specific to homeless in Socorro County. There is one facility in Socorro called Puerto Seguro that utilizes a city-owned building and all volunteer staff to serve the homeless population. This would provide funding to hire a professional staff person.

Mortgage Finance Authority does not have a shelter that is funded from their appropriation in Socorro.

The New Mexico Finance Authority contributes.

This funding would most naturally be administered as part of the state homeless program that is administered by the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. In issuing an RFP for the funds, the MFA would have to limit applicants for this funding to agencies from Socorro county.

The local facility has been closed for several weeks as a result of the loss of several key volunteers. Failure to provide this funding could jeopardize the continuation and needed expansion of this important program for the homeless in Socorro

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

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